

These distinctions are also embodied in other claims and limitations in the claims in alternative ways. For example, claim 22 recites:

A machine-readable medium with instructions thereon, the instructions when executed operable to cause a computer to manage at least one gaming program object via a system handler application, such that a single gaming program object is loaded and executed at any one time but gaming program objects are operable to share data via the program variables in a nonvolatile storage.

This is another way of defining specific capabilities of dynamic linkage that are not provided by Bunnell et al. and are not suggested by any of the secondary references, alone or in combination with Bunnell et al. and each other.

SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS

The primary reference not only fails to establish utility of the teachings of that reference in the field of gaming, but also, in addition to the thirteen elements and limitations of the invention acknowledged by the Office Action to be missing from the Bunnell et al. reference, that reference fails to describe, suggest or enable a system handler to dynamically link to at least one gaming program object. The four secondary references fail to teach these limitations and fail to teach the specific limitations for which they were cited in the Office Action.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, Mark A. Litman & Associates, P.A. at (952) 832.9090, if any further changes need to be made to the claims. Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees that are owed for the submission of these drawings to Deposit Account Number 50-1391.

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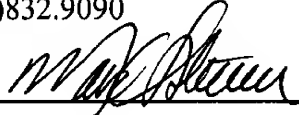
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